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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## STATE ROUTE 74 ORTEGA HIGHWAY REOPENED TODAY

**ORANGE COUNTY** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) reopened SR-74 Ortega Highway to through traffic today, February 15, 2017. After being closed for about 21 days due to severe storm damage in the area about half a mile east of Gibby Road, both lanes are now open. While safety always must be our first priority, Caltrans knows that this closure was very difficult for everyone who uses Ortega Highway and thanks the public for its patience and support while we made these essential repairs.

Although both lanes of traffic are open please be advised that there are still some storm damage repairs to be done. Flagging operations will be in place during the week from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., weather permitting. And motorist also please note that the SR-74 Safety Improvement Project that started in December 2016 is ongoing. This project is about 2 miles long on the eastbound and westbound lanes east of Antonio Parkway / La Pata Avenue in San Juan Capistrano to just west of the Conrock plant entrance. Please expect delays and plan accordingly.

Use Caltrans Quickmap for road update information at <a href="http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/">http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/</a> or call 511.

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